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MEMORANDUM

TO: Laura Swan, Chair
Transportation Advisory Committee

FROM: Britton Mallard
Administrative Assistant

DATE: February 7, 2023

RE: Traffic Concerns on Gray Street

The Select Board at the meeting of February 6th referred the attached to you for your review and recommendations back to the Board.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

attachment

cc: Kelly Lynema, Assistant Director of Planning and Community Development

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Sent: Thu, Feb 2, 2023 4:15 pm

Subject: Child almost hit by car on Gray St today

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Dear Select Board.

This morning, my 6 year old son was almost hit by a car on Gray St as we were crossing the street to the bus stop. The section of Gray between Churchill and Endicott is often crossed by pedestrians heading to Menotomy Rocks Park and, in our case, children heading to the bus stop at Valley & Gray. There is no cross walk or stop sign in that stretch of Gray St and cars fly up the hills on either side of Churchill & Endicott. We've lived on this street for 8 years and have brought our safety concerns to the police department on numerous occasions. We've also been told that the police in Arlington do not want to ticket people for speeding, making the situation even more dangerous.

In 2017, I connected with Corey Rateau to discuss the issue and was informed that an evaluation was previously completed and that there is no location suitable for a cross walk on that stretch of Gray due to lack of sidewalks and line of sight visibility. I am asking for this to be revisited and for any and all options to control traffic and improve safety on this stretch of Gray St to be explored.

As a safety professional and a parent, I certainly hope the Town of Arlington can be more proactive and not wait for a child to be killed before addressing this serious safety issue. Please let me know how to best continue this discussion in person.

We thank you for your attention to this matter.
Sincerely,

Shawna & Christian Marquis
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